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1. The activities involved in the "Month of the Communist Press" in Italy has kept all the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI) leaders and functionaries busy, and as a result, CARS and other PCI information services were at a standstill. There was very little activity in the penetration of the armed forces.
2. It has now been approximately two months since the funds allotted for CARS activities have been replenished. Carlo Salinari and Pietro Secchia, who are responsible for CARS activities for the Rome province, have at their disposal a good portion of the sum allotted two months ago (approximately two million lire), however they have not been able, up to now, to organize a good intelligence network.
3. The technique of having PCI activists of the various zones approach military personnel appears to have been abandoned. Besides producing very few results, it has in practice been found dangerous both for the activists and military personnel sympathizing with Communism. The contacts during the month of September were in general suspended and there have only been meetings of military personnel with elements of the Party in localities away from the barracks and from the PCI Sections.
4. The propaganda work and that of intelligence among the military personnel (which is limited to the control of information received from other sources) has been entrusted to Party activists who are in the Army. The work of the various CARS leaders both of PCI Section and Sector has therefore been limited to the maintenance of contacts already in existence, and no attempt has been made to create new ones.
5. The most important contacts, which are principally with Army officers, are maintained by Secchia, Salinari, (fnu.) Perna, and other elements of the Federation; however, even in the Sector the work has been slightly neglected.
6. On 25 September on the occasion of the festivities of L'Unita, a meeting was held in Florence where there was an exchange of ideas among the activists involved in the work of penetrating the armed forces of Italy. At the meeting it was decided to undertake a more efficient activity in penetrating the police organs in order to anticipate possible police action against leaders and other elements of the PCI.

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